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STATE OF COLORADO

**BILL (1)(c)(i)**

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LLS NO. 18-####.## Jane Ritter x4342

**COMMITTEE BILL**

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**Statutory Revision Committee**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING MODERNIZATION OF LANGUAGE IN STATUTORY SECTIONS**  
102 **CONCERNING "RIGHTS OF MARRIED WOMEN".**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)*

**Statutory Revision Committee.** The bill modernizes the language in statutory sections concerning the "rights of married women" to be inclusive of married men and women.

**Shading denotes HOUSE amendment.** Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*



1 as if HE OR she were ~~sole~~ UNMARRIED.

2 **14-2-203. Rights in separate business.** ~~Any~~ A married ~~woman~~  
3 PERSON may carry on any trade or business and perform any labor or  
4 services on HIS OR her sole and separate account, and the earnings of ~~any~~  
5 A married ~~woman~~ PERSON from HIS OR her trade, business, labor, or  
6 services ~~shall be~~ IS HIS OR her sole and separate property and may be used  
7 and invested by HIM OR her in HIS OR her own name. ~~Her~~ Property  
8 acquired by trade, business, and services BY THE MARRIED PERSON and the  
9 proceeds ~~thereof~~ may be taken on any execution against ~~her~~ THE PERSON.

10 **14-2-204. Not to affect marriage settlements.** Nothing in  
11 sections 14-2-201 to 14-2-206 ~~shall invalidate~~ INVALIDATES any marriage  
12 settlement or contract.

13 **14-2-205. Married person's land subject to judgment.** When  
14 ~~any woman~~ A PERSON against whom liability exists marries and has or  
15 acquires lands, judgment on such liability may be rendered against HIM OR  
16 her and HIS OR her husband OR WIFE jointly, to be levied on such lands  
17 only.

18 **14-2-206. Spouse cannot convey other spouse's lands.** The  
19 separate deed of ~~the husband shall convey~~ A SPOUSE CONVEYS no interest  
20 in the ~~wife's~~ OTHER SPOUSE'S lands.

21 **14-2-207. Spouse may convey lands as if unmarried.** ~~Any~~  
22 ~~woman~~ A PERSON, while married, may bargain, sell, and convey HIS OR  
23 her real and personal property and enter into any contract in reference to  
24 the same as if HE OR she were ~~sole~~ UNMARRIED.

25 **14-2-208. Married person may contract.** ~~Any woman~~ A PERSON,  
26 while married, may contract debts in HIS OR her own name and upon HIS  
27 OR her own credit, and may execute promissory notes, bonds, bills of

1 exchange, and other instruments in writing, and may enter into any  
2 contract the same as if HE OR she were ~~sole; and~~ UNMARRIED. In all cases  
3 where any suit or other legal proceedings are instituted against ~~her~~ THE  
4 MARRIED PERSON and any judgment, decree, or order ~~therein~~ is rendered  
5 or pronounced against ~~her~~ THE MARRIED PERSON, the same may be  
6 enforced by execution or other process against ~~her the same as if she were~~  
7 ~~sole~~ THE MARRIED PERSON AS IF HE OR SHE WERE UNMARRIED.

8 **14-2-209. Loss of consortium.** In all actions for a tort by a  
9 married ~~woman, she shall have the same right~~ PERSON, BOTH SPOUSES  
10 HAVE AN EQUAL RIGHT to recover for loss of consortium of ~~her husband~~  
11 ~~as is afforded husbands in like actions~~ HIS OR HER SPOUSE.

12 **14-2-210. Domicile.** The right of ~~any~~ A person to become a  
13 resident domiciled in the state of Colorado ~~shall~~ MUST not be denied or  
14 abridged because of sex or marital status, and the common law rule that  
15 the domicile of a married ~~woman~~ PERSON is that of ~~her husband shall~~ HIS  
16 OR HER SPOUSE IS no longer ~~be~~ in effect in this state.

17 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
18 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
19 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
20 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2018); except that, if a  
21 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
22 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
23 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
24 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
25 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
26 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.